

# Responsibility

It is our collective and individual responsibility to:

**Protect** rather than damage  
**Prevent** rather than impact  
**Preserve** rather than degrade



Chimney Remains

*Let's work together to better understand, respect, enjoy, care about and care for our cultural and natural resources.*

***Keep Nevada a great place to live!***



Rock Art

## Southern Nevada Agency Partnership



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## How Can I Help?

- Immediately notify us if you see any illegal activities
- Share the information you learn in this brochure with your friends and family
- Observe and do not take the archaeological items you see when you are on public land
- Stay on existing roads and trails and do not blaze new routes through undisturbed areas
- Respect cultural resources and protect the past for the future

**To report illegal activities call:**

**702-293-8998**

**For more information:**

**Interagency Office:**

U.S. Bureau of Land Management,  
USDA Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
**702-515-5000**

**Lake Mead and Reclamation Offices:**

Lake Mead National Recreation Area,  
Bureau of Reclamation  
**702-293-8906**

## Archaeological Protection on Public Lands **Why It's Important**



*Respect  
Your Public Lands*

**Protect,  
Don't Collect!**



# The Challenge of Cultural Resource Protection

## Why Cultural Resources are Important

Our cultural resources in Southern Nevada are evidence of past human activity. They enhance our understanding and appreciation of our past societies and environments and help define our place in history. These archaeological and historic sites contain information that is significant to the history of our state and to our nation.

People left evidence of their lives throughout our fragile desert and mountain environments. These remnants, a legacy of our heritage, cannot be restored once damaged or removed.

Your help in protecting and preserving these resources for future generations is important.



Bedrock Mortars

## Examples of Illegal Activities

- Damaging or disturbing rock art
- Removing artifacts from public land
- Digging for or possessing human remains
- Collecting old bottles or cans
- Vandalizing or scavenging in old buildings, mining sites, cemeteries or other historic sites
- Using a metal detector on cultural resource sites



Rock Shelter

## Laws you should know...



Stone House

In 1906, Congress passed the **Antiquities Act**. It was the first of many laws to protect both prehistoric and historic cultural resource sites on federal lands.

Other laws followed including the **Archaeological Resources Protection Act** of 1979 which states that it is unlawful to excavate, remove, disturb, deface, collect or destroy historic or prehistoric resources.

The penalty for removing artifacts or vandalizing sites can be a criminal felony with fines and a jail term and/or civil prosecution.

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